# Price Planning & Pricing Strategies

Chapters 25 & 26

### What is Price?

Price is the value of money (or its equivalent) placed on a good or service.



## Key to Pricing—Product Value

 Understanding the value that buyers place on a product.

Price a product high enough for a profit, but not so high that it exceeds the "VALUE" customers place on the product.



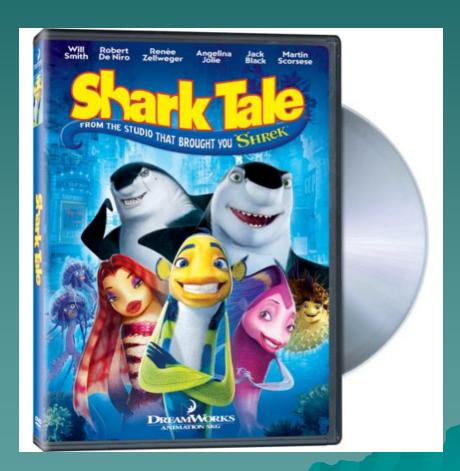
Trek - \$4949.99



Huffy - \$79.87

#### Return on Investment

- Will the product be profitable?
  - DVD:
    - ♦ Sell for \$8
    - ♦ Cost to make & market \$6.50
    - ♦ \$8 \$6.50 =
      \$1.50......23% return



#### Market Share

 Companies percentage of total sales volume in a specific category.

OREO--#1 Brand in Cookie Category –



CHIPS AHOY -- #2 – 32%



# A Change in price creates a <a href="CHANGE">CHANGE</a> in <a href="DEMAND">DEMAND</a>. This is referred to as <a href="ELASTIC">ELASTIC</a> demand.

#### **Steak & Seafood:**

People will buy more if \$3 a pound vs. \$9 a pound.



- Inelastic demand
  - Situations in which a change in price has very little effect on demand.





### **Price Laws**

- ◆ Sherman Anti-trust
  - Outlawed monopolies and price fixing
- Clayton Act
  - Defined price discrimination as unfair competition.
    - When a company charges different prices to similar customers
- Robinson-Patman Act
  - -Strengthened Clayton Act
    - Prohibits sellers from offering one customer a different price than another

# The difference between the price of an item and its cost is referred to as the

### **MARKUP**

Retail Price..... \$14

Cost.....\$10

Markup.....40% (\$4)

Must be high enough to cover expenses





# Competition vs. Demand Pricing

- ◆ Competition-oriented pricing
  - -Based on what the competition is doing
    - Gain market share, Keep in line with competitors
- Demand-oriented pricing
  - Based on what consumers are willing to pay
    - →Perceived Value (Concert tickets, Vehicles)

# Calculating Price Price planning begins with.....

#### Costs

– (making the product)

#### Expenses

– (money needed to run the business)



